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Proposed Athletic Policy Committee To Meet Jan. 4

Group Will Not Replace Block-H

The first organizational meeting of the Student Athletic Committee, proposed at the last meeting of the Athletic Council, has been scheduled for Monday, January 3, by John Ibach, senior class representative on the Council. The group has been proposed to more effectively voice student opinion regarding Hamilton athletic policy.

Ibach, in announcing the formation of the new committee, emphasized that, although it will take over the function of the Block-H Club, the club is not being disbanded and that letter sweaters would still be awarded and the annual banquet held.

The necessity for such a group, he explained, was realized when interest in the Block-H organization dropped to a minimum last year after its project of subfreshmen weekends was taken over by the Student Admissions Committee.

An accurate opinion on athletics could not be gained at club meetings since attendance was so low and it was felt that this new group, tentatively composed of student athletic council representatives, captains, and captains-elect of all teams and the Sports Editor of *The Spectator* would give a more complete and accurate athletic viewpoint.

Hamilton Granted Portion of Gift From Standard Oil

Hamilton College has received a $3,500 grant by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, President McEwen announced this week.

Contributions totaling more than $450,000 have been given in various amount to 138 privately supported colleges and universities. The company also announced that it was giving $50,000 to the Fund for Medical Education to help financially pressed medical colleges.

These contributions, none exceeding $5,000 have been left to the colleges after study and selection by an independent group of company executives and prominent educators.

Hamiltons share, McEwen said, will be used to supplement the general budget, which this year exceeds one million dollars. The President said he "was happy to receive a contribution for unrestricted use by the college. In this manner, the distribution and use of the money will be left up to the individual college."

Other New York State institutions receiving contributions are: New York University, Wells College, University of Rochester, Union College, Syracuse University, Columbia University, Columbia University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Goalie Ward Olney makes one of many brilliant saves in Hamilton's 1954-55 Hockey opener. Olney's fine net tending aided considerably in holding a strong Clarkson sextet to a five to two victory.

Critic Sees Interesting Work Iu 'Continental's' Latest Issue

By Peter Zeeveld

Campus literati who are above contributing to the *Continental,* and who cannot stoop to approve of it, should take my tip and find some place where they can enjoy this first issue privately. On the other hand, the issue is not "above" anyone on the old gripe that the ideas are obscure or esoteric. Fresh ideas, no matter how obscure, should be the delight of us all. It is muddy presentation that discourages interest. Ideas expressed with force, clarity and originality — these are the elements of art, and hence our pleasure. And this issue of the *Continental* is pleasureable reading.

Of the four stories, an essay and two poems, I confess I enjoyed everything with the possible exception of one of the poems. This was *Madeleine* by Ronald Boyd. The piece is well written as an exercise in romantic eulogy, bu Madeleine herself is rather perfunctorily eulogized. Norbert Kuk deserves credit for his story, *Sucker,* for the difficult theme of raw sex is handled without miscarriage. Good dialogue carries the pace here. A fine piece of characterization is achieved by Tom Aloisi in *A Shade of Gray.* A neatly resolved ending brings about a reversal of sympathy for the persons and problems portrayed. This story and one called *Communion* by James Cramer deal with tangible but hard to define relationships between people. Both are handled with a good deal of insight and perceptiveness. Mr. Cramer's is notable in that much of the mood and force of the story is suggested through imagery and descriptions of the setting, particularly in the juxtaposition of silence and sound in the ending.

The Rising Doubt, The Rebel Sigh, the essay by Sam Sade, is remarkable for its restraint. What amounts to a strong argument, or opinion if you will, is controlled with passive descriptions and seemingly bland explanations.

Lambda Chi Votes To Kill National Restriction Clause

Lambda Chi Alpha, the nation's largest collegiate fraternity, has abolished the discrimination clause in its Constitution. In commenting on this action, local chapter President Phil Hahn, '55, said: "We have been on record since 1950 in support of this move, and we are pleased that it has been accomplished."

The final action is only the culmination of several years of effort. The problem which forced action was the banning of the fraternity's chapter at the University of Connecticut. There, four national fraternities were forced off campus by the colleege because of their discrimination clauses. When the issue was raised at the Lambda Chi convention, committees which had been working on the problem for two years, recommended elimination of the clause. Previously, a majority of chapters had approved. Since a two-thirds vote was required, it was not until this year that the amendment passed. There is now no mention of racial or religious discrimination in the Constitution.

THE SPECTATOR, following past tradition, will not be published during the Christmas holidays or in the week immediately following vacation.

I.F.C Legislates New 'Hell Week' Rules

Code Evokes Storm of Protest In Several Hill Fraternities

The new Hell-Week rules, passed at an I.F.C. meeting last Monday night, have aroused a storm of controversy in Hill fraternities. Not only has there been opposition to the rule changes themselves, but also strong criticism of the I.F.C. for pushing the rules through so hurriedly, without allowing representatives enough time to go back and consult house opinion. Perhaps the most dramatic reaction was at the DKE house where Council Representative and President of the fraternity, Al Savory, was removed from his offices and Jack McMahon was elected in his place. Savory was a member of the I.F.C. committee which proposed the new rule changes.

While the opposition to the new rules may be more vocal than substantial, there appears to be a large part of the student body, perhaps a majority, who do not approve of the changes.

On the other hand, the faculty is almost unanimously in favor of the new rules. Dean Tolles, in a *Spectator* interview, commented: "I think they're fine . . . in keeping with the best interests of the College and the national trend of taking the hell out of hell week." The Dean emphasized the three cardinal points in the Administration attitude towards hell-week: 1) nothing occurs which brings discredit upon the College; 2) no physical indignity on any student;)3 no interference with academic pursuits. The faculty, said the Dean, was disturbed by hell-week activities three years ago and has been meeting with the I.F.C., suggesting improvements but not specifying changes, each year since then. Tolles pointed out that the new rules were new only in degree, not in kind, and the changes merely make the rules more specific and provide definite penalties, that is defining the vague rules of before and putting teeth into the regulations.

By a vote of nine to two the I.F.C. on December 13 passed a resolution regulating certain standards and aspects of "Initiation Week". Campus reaction was immediate and violent. Clamor for repeal of the bill began less than one hour after its passage. House meetings on Tuesday evening echoed conflicting viewpoints on the bill and in some instances action resulted from fraternity dissatisfaction. Delta Upsilon drafted a counter-resolution calling for repeal of one section of the bill, and Delta Kappa Epsilon changed its I.F.C. representative.

Trips Banned

The clause of the I.F.C. resolution which has been most heavily attacked deals with limiting the area of initiation activities. The clause, which limits such activities to "college hill", specificaly prohibits "pledge trips" to other communities and colleges. Particularly strong in voicing protest to this clause are the members of Delta Upsilon who have traditionally employed "pledge trips" as a large part of initiation procedure.

Other clauses of the resolution which provoked adverse criticism call for the limiting of initiation proceedings to six days and a call for double class cuts for all sophomores and freshmen who cut during the initiation period.

Much dissatisfaction arose in several houses because I.F.C representatives failed to ask for house opinion on the subject before casting votes. In several instances representatives admittedly voted in opposition to what they knew was the dominant opinion of their respective fraternities.

Committee Named

The resolution was drafted by a four man committee appointed by Council president Pieter Van Volkenburgh after discussion by the entire Council. The committee, consisting of Van Volkenburgh, Sigma Phi; John Ibach, Alpha Delta Phi; Samuel Rosen, Squires; and Alan Savory, Delta Kappa Epsilon, was appointed at the November meeting of the Council.

Yale Divinity Prof, To Speak in Chapel

Dr. Roland Herbert Bainton, Titus Street professor of ecclesiastical history at Yale Divinity School, will preach at the first Chapel service after the holidays on January 9.

Dr. Bainton was born in England in 1894 and came to the United States in 1902. He received his A.B. at Whitman College. At Yale he received his B.D. and, in 1921, his Ph.D. He has taught at Yale since 1920 and was awarded the endowed chair in ecclesiastical history in 1936.

SCA Votes Connor 2nd Term of Office

At a meeting of the Student Christian Association last Sunday night, Nick Corradi, '56, was elected vice president and worship chairman; Al Sproat, '55, secretary-treasurer; Frank Gross, '57, fellowship committee chairman; Pres Dawes, '56, outreach committee chairman; and Gene Scott, 57, publicity committee chairman.

Robert Connor,'56, was re-elected president.

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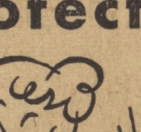

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Defense Shines in Hockey Opener; Clarkson Tops Hill by Only 5-2

In the opening game of the local season a stubborn Hamilton team held the highly favored Clarkson Engineers to a5-2 win

Dan Koehler electrified the 800 fans when he scored the games first goal on a pass from Chip Pickering only a minute and a half after the opening whistle. Clarkson got two scores in the first period on goals by Art Quartermain and Ellard Gutzman at 9:59 and 13:56.

The Golden Knights threatened to make a runaway of the game early in the second period as they scored two goals within 22 seconds. Don Williamson got the first of these at 3:12, and Quartermain scored the other at 3:34. Only superb defensive play by the Continentals prevented further scoring in this stanza.

The Knights completed their scoring at 8:07 of the last period when Gutzman rammed home a rebound after Goalie Olney Olney had stopped the initial shot had stopped the initial shot of a two man breakaway. With only a minute and six seconds remaining in the game, Bill Scoones caged the puck on a sharp angle shot after receiving a pass from Koehler.

Coach Greg Batt stated that he was pleased with the performance of the entire team, and he singled out defensemen Joe O'Brien and Doug Chapman and goaltender Ward Olney for special praise. The first two played almost the entire game and Olney made 40 saves.

The Continentl will return to Hamilton on December 30 to resume practice. The team then has two game road trip, playing Amherst and Army on the 7th and 8th of January

No Hockey Sticks On Rink: Weber

Director of Athletics Mox A. Weber has announced that after Christmas vacation no hockey sticks will be allowed on the Sage Rink except for intramural games and varsity use. Mr. Weber said that because of the alarming increase of cuts and injuries he considered the unsupervised use of sticks unsafe.

Glezen Leads Scorers As Blue Hoopsters Push Record To 2-2

Hamilton ran their basketball record to 2-2 this week as they defeated Harpur, 72-55 and lost a tight game to Hobart, 50-48. The next game for the Continentals will be after Christmas recess when they travel to Vermont to play Middlebury. Last year the Blue nosed out Middlebury in an exciting game in the Alumni Gym, 63-52.

In last Saturdays game against Hobart, there was featured on the part of both teams a terrific defensive battle. Hamilton utilizing a 2-1-2 zone defense was able to keep the lead throughout most of the first half, leading at the buzzer, 26-20. But early in the third period, led by scoring ace Sonny Wilson, the Statesman pulled even and finally ahead never to relinquish the lead.

High man for the game was Continental freshman, John Glezen with 15 points. Wilson was second with 14, among those was his 1,000 collegiate point, a new Hobart record.

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